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LETTER DATED 29 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the letter of His Excellency Mr. Radoje Kontić, Vice Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

I would request you to immediately inform the other members of the Security Council of the contents of this letter.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 29 January 1993 from the Vice Prime Minister of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Representative of the Muslims of former Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed on 24 January 1993 a letter to you (S/25152), in which he made the allegation that, in the period from 7 to 21 January 1993, Yugoslav Air Force aircraft and helicopters have been taking off from the Ponikve Airport and engaging in combat action and transportation flights in the territory of the former Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the area of the towns of Srebrenica and Brčko.

As the signatory to the Agreement on the Monitoring of Airports in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the most important person in charge of its implementation, the Chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army has informed me that those allegations are untrue and that they are aimed at deceiving the Security Council, the international public and all the relevant world factors. The irrefutable proof of that are the official reports on the implementation of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) (S/24900/Add.9-13), produced on the basis of the reports of the monitors deployed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia airports - Ponikve included - as well as the AWACS system, where there is no word whatsoever of the flights mentioned by the Muslim representative.

Mr. President, the letter of the Muslim representative, dated 24 January 1993, is yet another in a series of attempts to supply the Security Council with untruths and falsities on the account of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Serbian people on the whole, and such untruths may be expected in the future as well.

However, the Security Council should be the last place in the world where lies should be allowed to prevail over truth. Should the Security Council, in reviewing the flight ban pursuant to its resolution 781 (1992), be led by false allegations that could have unforeseeable consequences, I am confident that it will not be the case. I would therefore appreciate very much if you would be so kind as to inform immediately the members of the Security Council of the substance of this letter.

(Signed) Radoje KONTIĆ
Vice Prime Minister